

Chicago Board of Health
Meeting Summary: March 16, 2016
DePaul Center, 333 South State Street

Roll Call

Board Members Present

Melanie Dreher, RN, PhD.
Caswell A. Evans, Jr., DDS, MPH
Steven Rothschild, M.D.
Joseph B. Starshak

Board Members Absent

Julie Morita, M.D., Commissioner
Carolyn C. Lopez, M.D., President
Adele Joy Cobbs, M.D.
Carl C. Bell, M.D.
Victor M. Gonzalez
Horace E. Smith, M.D.

For the Department

Jaime Dirksen, Managing Deputy Commissioner

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Caswell A. Evans, Jr., DDS, MPH

Approval of Minutes: No quorum, February 2016 minutes are pending approval until the next board of health meeting.

Commissioner's Update: Jaime Dircksen, Managing Deputy provided the following updates:

- **Tobacco Ordinance**

City Council is scheduled to vote on the Tobacco Ordinance today at 9:00 am in City Hall. If the ordinance is passed, the minimum age to purchase tobacco products will be raised from 18 to 21 years-old and levy City of Chicago taxes on other tobacco products.

- **Red Sari Event**

Commissioner Morita attended the Red Sari event raise awareness of the South Asian heart disease epidemic and the partnerships that will explore solutions and save lives. Among the initiatives that were recognized was SAHEB, the CDPH sodium reduction program piloted in four South Asian restaurants in Chicago to reduce sodium in menu items.

- **HIV Primary Services**

Last week, Chicago Department of Public Health announced we will expand services to residents living with HIV through new agreements with the University of Illinois at Chicago HIV/AIDS Community Clinic Network (UIC HCCN) and Howard Brown Health (HBH). Beginning later this spring, UIC HCCN and HBH will assume management of CDPH's HIV primary care clinics in Uptown and Englewood, respectively. CDPH remains committed to ensuring that each and every one of our current patients is properly transitioned as part of this process.

- **Healthy Chicago 2.0**

On Tuesday, March 29, 2016, the Chicago Department Public Health will launch and present Healthy Chicago 2.0 at the South Shore Culture Center to 500 partners, who have been invited to the event.

Comments by the Board President: On behalf of Dr. Lopez, Caswell A. Evans, Jr., DDS, MPH welcomed the students and a reporter and provided an overview of the board's history and explained the board's advisory role in matters of infectious disease and health issues affecting public health.

Old Business: Dr. Rothschild mentioned the passing of Dr. Quentin Young last week. Dr. Young combined medicine and social justice to make a big difference in the world. He championed health policies that served our most vulnerable residents.

New Business: None

Public Comment: A student asked, how likely is it the age will be increased to 21 years old? Brian Richardson responded that Hawaii, San Francisco and Evanston, Illinois already increased the age to 21 years old, so hopefully the City Council will vote to pass the ordinance. The ordinance includes all tobacco products.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Next Board Meeting: April 20, 2016, 9:00 a.m.